

NEW JERSEY DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH AND SENIOR SERVICES
DIVISION OF PUBLIC HEALTH AND ENVIRONMENTAL LABORATORIES
PUBLIC HEALTH LABORATORY SERVICES
HIV TESTING LABORATORY

**SPECIMEN COLLECTION, STORAGE, AND SHIPPING INSTRUCTIONS FOR
HIV SERUM/PLASMA TESTING**

1. Collect approximately 6 ml of whole blood (a full tube) by venipuncture into a lavender top, red top or serum separator tube. Collection tubes will be provided by the Department of Health and Senior Services (DHSS). Submit requests for tubes to Bruce Wolf (609-984-2622) or Fenton Snell (609-292-5481). Monitor the expiration date of the blood collection tubes. Discard any expired tubes.
2. Store collected specimens at 2-8°C, which is 35-46°F (refrigerated). This temperature must be maintained from time of collection through delivery to the laboratory.
3. For sites that are not part of the regular DHSS courier pick-up please bring your samples to the most convenient specimen drop site from the list below. Refer technical questions to the DHSS HIV Lab at 609-984-9318 or 609-292-7013.

SAMPLES MUST BE AT COURIER SITE BY 9:00 A.M. FOR SAME DAY DELIVERY TO DHSS LABORATORY

	M	T	W	T	F
Atlantic Health Initiative 1401 Atlantic Ave Suite 2500 Atlantic City, N.J.	X	X		X	
Camden County Department of Health Forrest Hill, Lakeland Road Blackwood, N.J. 08012	X	X	X	X	
Dover Planned Parenthood 30 North Morris Ave Dover, N.J.					X
East Orange Health Dept 143 New St East Orange, N.J.	X	X			
Jersey Shore 1200 Memorial Drive Asbury Park, N.J.	X		X		
Monmouth Regional Screening Center 71 Davis Ave Neptune, N.J.		X			X
Newark Planned Parenthood of Metro NJ 151 Washington St Newark, N.J.	X	X	X	X	X
Newark STD 110 William St Newark, N.J.	X	X	X	X	X
Ocean County Health Dept 175 Sunset Ave Toms River, N.J.	X	X		X	
Paterson STD 176 Broadway Ground Floor Paterson, N.J.	X	X		X	X
Plainfield Planned Parenthood 123 Park Ave Plainfield, N.J.		X			
Planned Parenthood of Morristown 192 Speedwell Ave Morristown, N.J.			X		X
Robert Wood Johnson Hosp Suite 1, Ambulatory Care Bldg. 1 Robert Wood Johnson Place New Brunswick, N.J.	X		X		X